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TAGS: MARR, MASS, FIN, TU

SUBJ: MAP: TEN PERCENT REQUIREMENT

REF: (A) ANKARA 5650; (B) STATE 104543

1. DEPT WITH DOD CONCURRENCE IS RECOMMENDING TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE GRANT TURKEY WAIVER OF THE TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 514 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT UP TO THE FIFTY MILLION DOLS LIMIT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 614(A) OF THE ACT. WE TRYING EXPEDITE THIS ACTION.

2. IT CLEARLY ADVANTAGEOUS PUT OFF INFORMING TURKS OF SECTION 514 REQUIREMENT UNTIL PRESIDENTIAL 614(A) DETERMINATION HAS BEEN SIGNED. AT THAT TIME WE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE EXPLAIN THAT PRESIDENT, IN CONSIDERATION TURKEY'S SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, HAS DONE THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE LAW TO MITIGATE EFFECT OF DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT UPON TURKEY AID PROGRAM. UNTIL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN
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SIGNED, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS PREFERABLE NOT TO TELL TURKS

EXACT COURSE OF ACTION WE CONTEMPLATING.

3. WE APPRECIATE, ESPECIALLY IF PRESIDENTIAL ACTION SHOULD BE DELAYED, THAT TURKS WILL BECOME AWARE DELAY IN MAP IMPLEMENTATION AND BEGIN PRESS EMBASSY FOR EXPLANATION.

IN THAT CASE EMBASSY MAY AT ITS DISCRETION INFORM TURKS THAT AS OF BEGINNING THIS FISCAL YEAR TURKEY NO LONGER EXEMPT FROM DEPOSIT AS USG NO LONGER HAS OR ANTICIPATES RECEIVING SUFFICIENT LIRA TO COVER OFFICIAL USG EXPENSES IN TURKEY. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN ON AN URGENT BASIS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION TO WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECT OF THIS REQUIREMENT UPON THE TURKISH AID PROGRAM. YOU MAY ALSO WISH INFORM TURKS THAT GIVEN ANTICIPATED SIZE OF TURKISH PROGRAM IT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE LEGALLY POSSIBLE TOTALLY TO RELIEVE TURKEY OF THIS REQUIREMENT.

4. WE WOULD PREFER NOT DISCUSS BASE RIGHTS ARRANGEMENT WITH GOT, BUT SHOULD TURKS RAISE QUESTION YOU AUTHORIZED DRAW AT YOUR DISCRETION ON POINTS CONTAINED PARA 5 STATE 104543. AS OUTLINED THEREIN, PORTUGAL IS ONLY NATO COUNTRY TO WHICH THIS EXEMPTION EXTENDED AND IN FACT ONLY PARTIALLY AND SITUATION PORTUGAL NOT ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF TURKEY. (FYI: PORTUGUESE EXEMPTION APPLIES ONLY TO EXCESS EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER AZORES AGREEMENT AND NOT TO MAP. END FYI.) SPAIN IS NOT A NATO COUNTRY AND DOES NOT BENEFIT AS DOES TURKEY FROM NATO GUARANTEES. A BASE RIGHTS EXEMPTION HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN GRANTED TO PHILIPPINES. (FYI: PHILIPPINES GETS 614(A) EXEMPTION BUT THIS FACT CLASSIFIED AND HAS NOT EVEN BEEN COMMUNICATED TO GOVERNMENT OF PHILIPPINES. END FYI.)

5. IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS POINT DETERMINE WHEN TURKEY MIGHT BE REQUIRED MAKE DEPOSITS AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, DEPEND UPON FINAL SIZE OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR TURKEY AND EXTENT TO WHICH TURKS ELECT TO UTILIZE EDA. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. RUSH

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